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From the above it may be seen that the question of giving supply to the tanks referred to depends on the supply position after meeting the demands of the regular ayacut. The fact that supply was given on a previous occasion cannot be acted as a precedent. There is therefore no failure on the part of the Government to give supplies to the tanks in question.

III.—PRESENTATION OF REPORTS.

(1) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE OF PRIVILEGES.

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I present the Report of the Committee of Privileges on 'Malai Murasu' case.

(2) REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON SUBORDINATE LEGISLATION.

SRI K. PARTHASARATHY : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I present the Third Report of the Committee on Subordinate Legislation.

IV.—GOVERNMENT BILLS.

(1) THE MADRAS COMMERCIAL CROPS MARKETS (VALIDATION OF CESS) BILL, 1962.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir I beg leave to introduce the Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Validation of Cess) Bill, 1962.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

'That leave be granted for the introduction of the Madras Commercial Crops Markets (Validation of Cess) Bill, 1962.'

The motion was put and carried and leave was granted.

THE HON. SRI P. KAKKAN : Sir, I introduce the Bill.

MR. SPEAKER : The Bill is introduced.

(2) THE MADRAS (ADDED TERRITORIES) EXTENSION OF LAWS BILL, 1962 (L.A. BILL NO. 16 OF 1962).

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, I beg to move—

'that the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962) [a] be taken into consideration.'

Consequent on the alteration of boundaries of the States of Madras and Andhra Pradesh under the Andhra Pradesh and Madras (Alteration of Boundaries) Act, 1959 (Central Act 56 of 1959), the territories specified in the Second Schedule to the said Act, have been added on to this State from the State of Andhra Pradesh. As the territories added on to this State formed part of

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the composite State of Madras before the formation of the State of Andhra in 1953, almost all the laws that were in force in 1953 continue to apply to those territories as they apply to the rest of the State of Madras. However, some of these laws have been amended in their application to either the added territories or the rest of the State or both. The amendments so made apply only to the area in respect of which the concerned Act was amended and they do not apply to the other area. So also, the principal Acts that were enacted subsequent to the formation of the State of Andhra by the Legislatures of this State and those of Andhra or Andhra Pradesh, as the case may be, apply only to the respective areas. For the sake of securing uniformity in the laws that are in force in both the areas, it is proposed to integrate the said laws.

Certain important measures such as the Madras General Sales Tax Act, 1959 (Madras Act 1 of 1959), the Madras Sales of Motor Spirit Taxation Act, 1939 (Madras Act VI of 1939), The Madras Entertainments Tax Act, 1939 (Madras Act X of 1939) and the Madras Agriiultural Income-tax Act, 1955 (Madras Act V of 1955), which relates to taxation and the Madras Panchayats Act, 1958 (Madras Act XXXV of 1958), and the Madras District Development Councils Act, 1958 (Masras Act XVIII of 1958), which relate to local Administration have already been extended to th added territories and the corresponding laws in force therein repealed.

Certain other measures have also been extended to those territories by the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws (No. 2) Act, 1961 (Madras Act 39 of 1961), which Act had, besides extension, also secured uniformity in respect of certain other measures.

The present Bill seeks to extend a few enactments to those territories besides seeking to unify certain other enactments.

The remaining laws which require integration are under examination, in consultation wherever necessary with the Heads of Departments and also with particular reference to the local conditions, if any, prevailing in the added territories. As soon as the laws aforesaid are examined and finalised for unification, either separate legislation will be undertaken in respect of measures which may be considered urgent or they will be included in a Consolidated Bill similar to the present one.

The provisions of the Bill do not call for any special remarks since they are purely general in character. The respective scope of all the three schedules to the Bill have already been set out in the Statement of Objects and Reasons appended to the Bill.

Sir, I request the House to accept the motion.

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

"That the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962) be taken into consideration."

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The motion was put and carried and the Bill was taken into consideration.

Clauses 2 to 13 were put and carried.

Schedules I to III were put and carried.

Clause 1 and the Preamble were put and carried.

THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Sir, I move—

" That the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962) be passed.".

MR. SPEAKER : The question is—

" That the Madras (Added Territories) Extension of Laws Bill, 1962 (L.A. Bill No. 16 of 1962) be passed.

The motion was put and carried and the Bill was passed.

(3) THE MADRAS AGRICULTURAL INCOME-TAX (SECOND AMENDMENT) BILL, 1962.

* THE HON. SRI R. VENKATARAMAN : Mr. Speaker, Sir, on behalf of the Minister for Works, I introduce the Madras Agricultural Income-tax (Second Amendment) Bill, 1962.[a] and move " that the Bill be taken into consideration ".

Under section 8 (1) of the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961 (Madras Act 58 of 1961), every person who held or is deemed to have held land in excess of 30 standard acres on the 6th April 1960, should furnish to the authorised officer within ninety days from the notified date that is, the 2nd October 1962, a return containing certain particulars about the lands so held by him. It is, however, possible that such returns are not furnished by all persons liable to furnish the returns and even when returns are so furnished they may not be complete in all cases. In such cases under section 9 of the Act, the authorised officer has to issue notice to the defaulters to furnish the return or the additional particulars, as the case may be. In order to enable the authorised officer to take prompt action under section 9 of the Act it is necessary to collect information regarding persons who held lands in excess of 30 standard acres on the 6th April 1960 with the particulars of lands held by them. Such information can be collected from the agricultural income-tax assessment records. But section 52 of the Madras Agricultural Income-tax Act. 1955 (Madras Act V of 1955) prohibits disclosure of any information by the Agricultural Income-tax Officers for the above purpose. It is, therefore, proposed to amend that Act in order to facilitate the disclosure of the information available in the Agricultural Income-tax Department to any authority or officer exercising powers under the Madras Land Reforms (Fixation of Ceiling on Land) Act, 1961, for the purpose of implementing the said Act.

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